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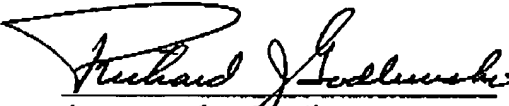
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In the Office action of March 4, 2004, Paper No. 21, claims 1 and 3-9 are pending and were rejected. The drawings filed on July 7, 2002 were accepted by the Examiner. This Office action is responsive to the second request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114 in which the finality of the previous Office action was withdrawn. This request was filed on February 9, 2004. In particular, claims 1 and 7-9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babbs (WO 98/25544). Claims 3-6 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Babbs in view of Douglas (6,090,128). Lastly, claims 1 and 3-9 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gregory (5,990,379) in view of Douglas.